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REMARKS

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1. On 16 September 1953, the Panzer Kaserne in Weimar was still occupied by about 100 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets including some with signal insignia. About 20 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard on 14 September, while about 25 soldiers engaged in firing practice on 16 September. Truck [] was identified at the installation. 50X1-HUM
2. On 16 September, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and an instruction course of about 150 soldiers, with each course lasting three weeks. Trucks [] were identified in traffic from and to the installation. 1
3. On 22 September, the concentration camp Weimar-Buchenwald quartered a guard unit of about 60 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. Trucks [] left the installation. 2 50X1-HUM
4. On 22 September, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 60 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. All sheds and halls were closed. The quarters appeared to have been vacant. Truck [] drove to the installation. 2 50X1-HUM
5. On 22 September, the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne quartered about 250 troops most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets and, some, black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 10 soldiers were seen at callisthenics on 20 September. Driving school trucks [] drove out of the installation. 4 50X1-HUM
6. On 20 September, troops including 80 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets conducted an exercise in the training area behind the western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne. An about 8 meter high observation tower overlooking the entire training area was erected off the quarters, south of the Ettersberg training area. 5

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7. On 22 September, the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne quartered about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. Intensive activity, although no training activity, was observed at the installation on 20 September. About 150 troops assembled in front of a barracks building. 3
8. On 22 September, the middle section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne quartered about 400 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets and about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 6
On 28 August, a train of 9 flatcars with sideracks and 4 boxcars carrying about 80 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and about 25 trucks was loaded at the Weimar railroad station. 6 On 31 August, intensive activity of troops, apparently recruits, was observed at the installation. The soldiers prepared the quarters. The middle section of the installation quartered an estimated 550 men on 31 August. 4 On 8 September, about 300 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, signal equipment, trucks, and 6 radio trucks from the middle section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne were loaded onto 20 boxcars and 40 flatcars with sideracks for shipment toward Erfurt. Motor vehicles were identified. 6 On 20 September, there was intensive activity in all quarters. An undetermined number of soldiers engaged in fatigue duty and 40 other soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward Ettersberg, equipped with practice targets and rifles. Trucks were identified in traffic to and from the installation. 50X1-HUM
9. On 22 September, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. On 19 September, about 20 soldiers did maintenance work on motor vehicles while 8 other soldiers rewound cables. Motor vehicles were identified. 1 50X1-HUM
10. On 16 September, a small biplane landed at Nohra airfield. Sixty soldiers were seen marching past the former Erziehungsheim toward a depot consisting of low, temporary wooden buildings along the southern border of the airfield and Erfurter Strasse.
11. On 12 September, an ammunition depot near Fliegerhorst Nohra in the woods, surrounded by a two-meter fence. A path led from the entrance on the east side to the Obergrunstedt-Nohra road. A patrol of 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen along the fence. Sedans left the depot. Two x 37-mm AA guns camouflaged by brushwork were observed west of the woods. 7 50X1-HUM
12. On 13 September, 16 soldiers restored telephone posts at the Belvedere transformer station.
13. On 9 September, materiel including 2 trucks and 2 sedans which subsequently drove toward the Luetzendorf Kaserne were unloaded from a train at the Weimar railroad station. At about 5 p.m., 13 trucks were seen en route from the railroad station to the Luetzendorf Kaserne. the trucks belonged to the shipment which had been unloaded on the morning of that day. Motor vehicle were identified. 6 50X1-HUM

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14. On 29 August, the Luetzendorf Kaserne was about 60 percent occupied by between 500 and 600 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with motor transport insignia and some with signal insignia. 6
15. On 29 August, the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by 400 to 500 men and about 40 percent lighted. The troops included about 60 percent with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 20 percent with red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia and 20 percent with red-bordered black epaulets. The installation also housed a personnel processing office as small detachments were frequently seen entering and leaving the installation. 4
16. On 29 August, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by AAA units and a headquarters. [redacted] an AAA unit in Nohra belonged to this unit. There was a continuous exchange of personnel between the two installations. The Flak Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 750 to 800 men on 29 August. 3
17. On 29 August, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops. Truck C 5-80-01 drove into the installation.
18. On 29 August, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied only by a guard unit of 20 to 30 men. The gates were closed. No sentries were observed. 1
19. On 29 August, the Polizei Kaserne was vacant. Trucks of the Volkspolizei were parked at the installation. 8
20. On 29 August, the Fliegerhorst Nohra was occupied only by a rear detail of the army headquarters and an AAA unit. Eight 57-mm AA guns were identified. The AAA unit numbered 150 to 180 men. 7
21. On 29 August, the Amtsgericht building was no longer occupied. 9

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the signal units of the Eighth Gds Army participated in the command-post exercise in Mecklenburg from 26 August to 10 September. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] Comment. It can be inferred from the observations that the 19th Indep Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army was still in the Dessau-Aken training area in late September. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] at least three shipments with AAA units of the 13th AAA Div returned from Wustrow after 12 September. [redacted] The bulk of the division is stationed in the Flak Kaserne, while an AAA regiment is also stationed in the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne. 50X1-HUM
4. [redacted] Comment. The processing center of the Eighth Gds Army is stationed in the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne. Other reports indicated that shipments with recruits arrived in Weimar between 1 and 14 September 1953. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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5. Comment. Previous information led to the conclusion that the northwestern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne and the western section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne adjoining to the north were occupied by the 65th Gds Mecz Regt and the 581st Mort Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, which had to be assume50X1-HUM stationed in Camp Crawinkel near Ohrdruf still in late September.
6. Comment. A signal communication unit, presumably of the army, is stationed in the middle section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne. The loadings and unloadings observed on 28 August and 8 and 9 September respectively are believed to have been connected with the command-post exercise. See Field Comment 1 and compare also motor vehicle in paragraphs 8 and50X1-HUM
7. Comment. Paragraph 20 confirms the assumption that the Headquarters of the army was also involved in the commandpost exercise. The loading of the unit was observed on 26 August 50X1-HUM
8. Comment. The barracks installation has been occupied by Regular Police since 1950.50X1-HUM
9. Comment. The Amtsgericht buildings has been vacated by the Soviets in 1952.

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